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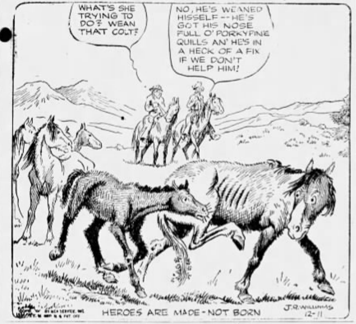
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ROCKET MOTOR MAY GIVE U. S. AIR SUPREMACY

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—An inventor exhibited a rocket motor at New York University today. He said it may revolutionize warplane speeds and give the United States world air supremacy.

The army has accepted the device as a subject for further experimentation.

The engineer-inventor, 50-year-old E. B. Myers of New York, whose work has been supervised by Dr. Alexander Klemin, head of the university's school of aeronautics, said he would "not be surprised" to see an American warplane equipped with such a motor within a year.

He talked freely about the possibilities of rocket propulsion for airplanes which would permit much greater speeds and carrying power, but conceded that his motor had not actually been tested in flight.

This is what he said his motor would do:

Used as a secondary power source on a standard Martin bomber, it would reduce the take-off time by 38 per cent, and, employed in the same way on one of the army's four-engine bombers, would increase the payload, or bomb load, by 57.7 per cent. It could be used ultimately as the sole source of power for warplanes. As an auxiliary power plant it would increase the top speed at sea level of the Curtiss Hawk pursuit from 302 to 471 miles an hour and that of the four-engine bomber from 265 to 327 miles an hour.

Asked whether such speeds would not bring up fresh problems of wing and tail "flutter"—set up by vibration—he said such aspects of flight would remain to be solved.

The motor exhibited during the interview, a cylinder into which a mixture of nitrous oxide and carbon disulphide is shot and discharged by electricity, weighed only 148 pounds and developed a "thrust" of 4000 horsepower, Myers said.

It differs from the ordinary rocket motor in that the cylinder develops a series of explosions, like a gasoline engine, instead of continuous combustion. That reduces detonation and cooling problems, Myers explained.

Rocket power comes from what is known as "jet reaction." Gases are discharged from a cylinder at enormous speed—5000 to 6000 feet a second. As the gases are pushed backward, they push equally hard on the front walls of the combustion chamber.

Fastened to an airplane, that thrust would drive the machine forward. As an index to the speed possibilities in rocket propulsion, even highspeed planes travel at only 500 feet a second.

Myers said he expected to get 85 per cent efficiency out of his aircraft rocket motor as against an over-all efficiency for conventional gasoline engines and propellers of about 32 per cent.

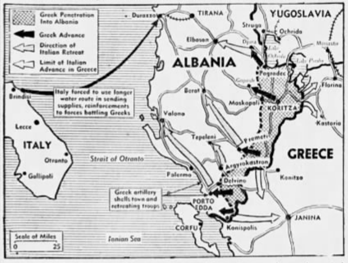
Rehearsals Held For Yule Concert

Rehearsals are being held this week by the Sonoma County Symphony Orchestra by the Sixteen Singers, the former directed by George Trombley and the latter by Chester Beck, in preparation for the Christmas concert of the Sonoma County Symphony Orchestra series, which will take place next Sunday afternoon, December 15, in the auditorium of the Santa Rosa High School.

The concert patrons are assured of a wonderful program of instrumental and vocal music, appropriate to the approach of Christmas. Both the orchestra and the chorus will render instrumental and vocal numbers which will arouse the enthusiasm for the coming great festival of Christmas.

Dr. R. D. Healey of Petaluma was a business visitor in Santa Rosa yesterday.

Greeks Keep Italians on the Run in Southern Albania



Hard-hitting Greek mountain troops, supported by artillery, are hammering at Italian lines on their four fronts in Southern Albania, forcing retreat of Mussolini's troops by all highways. Greeks have now taken Argyrokastron and Porto Edda, on the shores of the Ionian Sea—less than 75 miles by water to the heel of Italy's boot. (NEA Photo)

Roosevelt in Message to U.S. Farmers

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 10—President Roosevelt declared today that "equitable distribution" of wealth to help the underprivileged and provide security for workers and farmers was an essential part of the nation's program of rearming "to preserve freedom."

Mobilization of men and munitions alone, the Chief Executive said, would not effectively arm the country.

"It (effective preparedness) means," Mr. Roosevelt said, "an equitable distribution of the wealth from our unparalleled material resources, help for the underprivileged, security for workers and farmers and whatever else that is necessary to keep democracy a dynamic force."

This broad view of the defense problem was outlined in a presidential message read before 4,000 farmer-delegates attending the 22nd annual convention of the Farm Bureau Federation to study ways of increasing agriculture's share of the national income.

This message and a speech from Secretary Wickard promising greater agriculture department effort in behalf of farmers, were hailed by Edward A. O'Neal, federation president, as a pledge that the administration "will continue to fight for its social aim of improving the lot of the less fortunate."

Wickard, while outlining economic gains he said farmers had made under New Deal crop programs, pledged his "utmost efforts as secretary of agriculture" to carry out the goal of existing farm legislation—"assisting farmers to obtain, insofar as practicable, parity prices and parity of income."

Neither Mr. Roosevelt or his secretary of agriculture mentioned the major question before the farm convention. That question, as put by federation leaders, was "How can we boost farm prices to parity levels?" Such levels, they explained, would give farmers a much larger share of the national income.

Leaders predicted the federation would go on record for a system of government commodity loans which would peg farm prices at parity and thereby eliminate the need for parity payments from the treasury. Support in administration quarters was claimed for this plan.

Kin of Local Man Ends Life at Napa

ST. HELENA, Dec. 10—Funeral services are pending for Mrs. Eda Balestra, 29, wife of a Suisun fruit inspector, who, officers say, took her own life by drinking strychnine yesterday in her home on Zinfandel Lane, near St. Helena.

Coroner T. J. Treadway said Mrs. Balestra left a note in which she told her husband, Robert J. Balestra, she "couldn't stand it any longer." Treadway said members of Mrs. Balestra's family, including her mother, Mrs. Rosa Calleri, told him the poison victim had been worried and depressed.

Mrs. Balestra, a native of St. Helena, leaves her mother, husband, a son, and a brother, Mark, of Santa Rosa.

Dr. Fred O. Butler, medical superintendent of the Sonoma State Home, was a Santa Rosa visitor yesterday.

British Ban Letting Food Pass Blockade

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Herbert Hoover's plan for feeding the civil population in German-occupied countries was rejected by the British government tonight with an announcement here that it would refuse permission "for the passage of food through the blockade."

The statement by the Marquess of Lothian, British ambassador, apparently ended the prospect of any extensive American food relief to German-conquered nations, including France.

Lord Lothian, however, expressed his government's willingness to facilitate the passage through the blockade of "medical supplies destined for distribution in territories occupied by Germany and in unoccupied France by approved bodies."

Whether the American Red Cross would be able to carry out a plan to send so-called medicated foods such as evaporated milk into unoccupied France for relief of children was not made clear in the British statement, but it was considered likely that only limited supplies of this character, if any, would be permitted.

Apparently unaffected directly by British decision against relaxing the blockade was the plan now being considered here for sending about 10,000 tons of wheat to Spain for distribution by the Red Cross. This was expected to be determined as a separate matter by the American and British governments.

ARMY OFFICER HERE

Sergeant Walter Parsons of the Hamilton Field military police, was a Santa Rosa visitor yesterday. While here Parsons called on the local police department and probation authorities.

Check-Passer Tells How He Started on Career of Crime

Winston Dunbar Lawson, 30, of Oakland, former department manager in a large San Francisco department store, was booked in the Sonoma county jail here last night as the elusive "Sydney Hammond," Thanksgiving check-passer who victimized local merchants out of more than $300 here November 20.

Lawson, arrested on a forgery charge at Fresno, was turned over to Police Chief Melvin Flohr and Deputy District Attorney Les Manker yesterday for prosecution in superior court here. Fresno authorities had only one check charge against the prisoner.

At least 14 checks, ranging from $18.62 to $49, were cashed locally the day before Thanksgiving. Lawson readily confessed his guilt, the local officers said, and admitted having cashed bad checks in Oakland, San Jose, Sacramento, Fresno and Santa Rosa.

He said the idea of becoming a check-passer struck him while he was working in the San Francisco store and was required to o.k. checks for customers. By studying the type of checks cashed, and those most readily accepted, he decided to use printed checks, he told Chief Flohr.

He came to Petaluma, selected the name "True Brothers Garage and Service Station," after learing that the firm no longer existed, took the alias of Hammond and then came to Santa Rosa to "look over the ground."

He then went to Palo Alto and had the blank checks printed, forged a draft registration card and returned to Santa Rosa to spread his paper, officers quoted him as saying.

Questioned concerning source of his draft card, he said that four blanks were in the folder he received on registration day and he pocketed them all to aid him in his check-passing career.

Hammond, or Lawson, was arraigned in justice court today.

PETALUMA ELKS HERE TONIGHT

Exalted Ruler Frederick G. Marsolf and his staff of officers of the Petaluma Elks' Lodge, comprising the state championship ritualistic team, will confer the initiatory work upon a large class of candidates for the Santa Rosa Elks tonight at Elks' hall, Fourth and B streets.

The visit of the team here has been anticipated with pleasure, and it is expected there will be a big turnout of the members to greet the visitors. In addition to the team, between 30 and 40 Petaluma Elks are coming.

There will be a dinner tonight at 6:45 o'clock, preceding the initiation, and it is also expected this will attract a record crowd. The lodge session and initiation will follow the dinner.

NEW FORNI PETITION

A petition for special letters of administration in the estate of the late Mrs. Gigia Forni, held necessary for the proper operation of the Forni Market here, was filed yesterday by Angelina Forni, who on the previous day had filed a contest over the will of her mother. Miss Forni requests that in event the special letters of administration are not granted her, they be granted to the Bank of America so that the business will not suffer during litigation over the estate.

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Prizes Offered for Best Photographs of Outdoor Yule Trees

Photo fans, attention! The Outdoor Christmas Tree Association of California has announced a contest for the best amateur photographs of outdoor Christmas trees or decorations in any part of California.

Seven cash awards will be offered, with a first prize of $15.00; second prize, $10.00; third prize, $5.00, and four fourth prizes of $2.50 each. Following are the rules:

1. The contest is open to amateur photographers. Professional photographers and persons employed in any branch of the photographic business are not eligible to compete.

2. Photo must be taken outdoors, from the sidewalk or street.

3. Entry must be submitted to the Outdoor Christmas Tree Association of California, 1355 Market street, San Francisco, not later than January 10, 1941.

4. The reverse side of the photo must contain the following information:

(a) Name and address of person submitting entry.

(b) Street address and town (must be in California) of outdoor decorations photographed.

5. Photo entered will not be returned. All entries submitted will become the property of the Outdoor Christmas Tree Association of California.

6. The decision of the judges will be final.

'TOVARICH' WILL OPEN TONIGHT AT JR. COLLEGE

The first of a two-night showing of Jacques Deval's three-act comedy, "Tovarich," will be presented by the junior college drama students tonight from the stage of the Luther Burbank Memorial theater on the campus.

The production will be repeated tomorrow night at 8:15 o'clock.

Staged under the direction of George Andreini, head of the department, the play will be the seventh three-act production to be given by his classes since he joined the faculty here in 1935. He has produced such hits as "Journey's End," "Yellow Jack," "Winterset," and other of equal importance.

In this year's play will be seen several collegiate players as well as a few from the high school who appeared in hits last year.

Lena Asti and Henry Miller, both Santa Rosa students, have been given the leading roles, with Bob Andrews and Faye Jones, also members of the high school drama department in the past, in the supporting leads.

Others in the cast are Margaret Wright of the Ursuline college and Jerry Davis as Helene and Georges DuPont; Alonzo Meyer, James House, Patricia Hills, Maureene Sharrocks, Robert Dadd, Florein Galbraith and Jim Faber.

The stage crew will be directed by Bob Guy. Harold Gregg, art instructor for the Sonoma county school, designed and created much of the stagings for the play.

Robert Cantu will direct the orchestra for the production.

No seats will be reserved and those arriving first will be given the choice seats. Tickets will be 25 cents each.

REGISTER ELDRIDGE ALIENS

Secretary Cyril Migliavacca of the Sonoma State Home reported yesterday that the work of registering aliens who are inmates of the institution is necessitating a great amount of detail but is progressing rapidly. The large amount of secretarial work necessary is being done by the institution employees. Walter L. Murphy, Sonoma postmaster, has general supervision of the registration at the Sonoma State Home. In addition, he is in charge of the registration of aliens at the Sonoma post office.

Deputy District Attorney and Mrs. Bernard Plover are in San Francisco this week.

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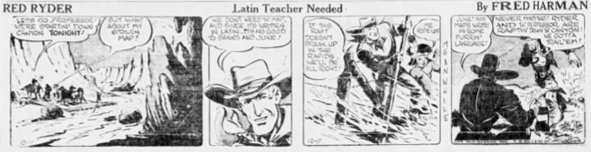
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ME HOPE-UM!
MEANWHILE
JUKE! THIS MAP'S WROTE IN SOME FURRIN' LANGUAGE!
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